

**BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

March 26, 2008

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Randy Bergdorf, Jerry Ritch and Amy Anderson; and Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon and Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens. Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Police Protection Report. No representative of the Police Department was in attendance. Concerning the recent police overtime bill, Trustee Ritch reported he is still discussing the discrepancy with Mayor Fisher and Dan Schneider. The amount will be negotiated. He asked about the decline in traffic fines and was told traffic tickets issued in both communities have declined. One new police car has been added and a second is on order.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Larry Sulzer reported a work session with All-Ohio and their attorney at the last Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to discuss the requirements of their plan submission.

There was discussion of upgrading the quality of housing stock in the Township. Mr. Sulzer is concerned that a house on Riverview, bought in foreclosure, will have only cosmetic work done before it is resold. Mr. Sulzer believes the house needs significant structural repair and is concerned that the owner was able to get a building permit from the Summit County Board of Building Standards without first obtaining a zoning certificate from the Township. In addition the septic system on the property may be in failure. Mr. Sulzer will talk to other townships (Richfield and Bath) as well as Building Standards to understand the extent of remodeling that requires a zoning certificate as well as as building permit.

Mr. Sulzer is following up on the Suncrest Gardens/Bogart properties issue; Mr. Bogart is expecting Suncrest will put a swale along the property line. Mr. Sulzer will check the records.

Trustee Bergdorf said that the applicants for the Zoning Commission position, Mike Kubiak and Doug Petek, will be interviewed on April 2nd.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

Correspondences. Fiscal Officer Noragon reviewed the various correspondence received by the Township.

Township Buildings and Grounds. The Trustees said their review of the lease is complete; they have no changes except removing the Historical Acknowledgement and Restriction. Legal Counsel Pullekens will take the revised lease to the Boston Township Hall Committee.

Trustee Ritch reported that construction on the lower level will commence in April.

There was discussion of the deteriorating condition of outside windowsills on the brick building and the old brick pad on the lower level. Trustee Ritch will take the concerns to the BTHC.

Future Planning and JEDD. Trustee Ritch reported that Mike Wendt met with the Health Department concerning the septic issues at Mid-Way and the Don-El. The two businesses are expected to continue regular pumping; the sanitary issue will be addressed when sewer is available.

Valley Fire District: No report.

Road Department: Doug Mayer reported for the road department that an annual cost savings of \$5,000 could be realized by mixing grit, a small stone by-product, with salt in future seasons. The Road Department extended the salt supply during the current shortage in this manner, with satisfactory results, and has enough salt/grit mix on hand for one more big storm.

Trustee Ritch reported he calculated a net savings of \$1,800/year in fuel (after deducting cost of insurance) if a small truck were purchased. The matter will continue to be discussed.

Other Business: Fiscal Officer Noragon reported the Road Department has visited the new Tractor Supply Co. store in Macedonia and would like to have an account there. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve opening an account at Tractor Supply. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

Audit Report: The Fiscal Officer distributed and reviewed draft copies of the 2006-2007 audit report from Harris & Associates, reporting no findings or citations for the period audited. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to waive the audit exit conference. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

Tax Levy Resolution: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the County Fiscal Officer. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. The Fiscal Officer will forward the resolution to the Summit County Budget Office.

Akron Beacon Journal: There was discussion of the recent opinion of the editorial board of the Akron Beacon Journal that township government is ill suited for modern urban communities. She said there will be a response from the Township Association of Summit County.

Citizens Advisory Board: Trustee Bergdorf will attend on April 8th to represent the Township.

Bicycle Races: There was further discussion of minimizing the inconvenience to citizens during these many road events. Legal Counsel Pullekens and Council Representative Kostandaras will work on a plan the township can use.

PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the 2008 Permanent Appropriations reviewed by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

APPROPRIATIONS: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the supplemental appropriation of \$2,000.00 from 2031-330-420 (Operating Supplies) to 2031-330-353 (Natural Gas), Road Department Fuel. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the advance of \$118.32 from the General Fund (1000) to Road and Bridge (2031). Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed

PURCHASE ORDERS: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve purchase orders:
SBC 45-2008, \$2,000.00, 2031-330-353, Natural Gas, Road Department,
PO 12-2008, \$810.00, Love Insurance, Fiscal Officer Bond

Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by Fiscal Officer Noragon. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to pay the bills prepared by Fiscal Officer Noragon. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. The Trustees entered into Executive session at 8:15 P.M. The Trustees reconvened at 8:45 P.M. The Trustees announced no action taken in Executive Session.

MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to adjourn. All voting yes. Motion Passed. Meeting duly adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER